

Regular Meeting
Menominee Language and Culture Code Commission
April 13, 2010 @ 3:30 pm
MLCCC LaMotte Lake Site

1. Opening Prayer was said by Warren Wilber Sr.
2. Chairman Wilber called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Warren Wilber Sr. Marie Floring, Davey Jean Reiter, Margaret Snow, and Sherri LaChapelle. MEMBERS ABSENT: Joey Awonohopay (excused) and Dr. Fowler (excused). ALSO PRESENT: Chris Caldwell, Doug Cox, John Reiter, Karen Washinawatok, John Reiter, Christopher Anderson (Tribal News), Lindzey Grall, (Legal Services), and Natasha Miller (recorder).
3. Approval of Minutes dated March 9, 2010-Regular.

Grammatical errors were changes throughout the minutes by Marie Floring and Karen Washinawatok.

Margaret Snow questioned the motion on page three regarding the posting of the two vacant seats. She felt that it was too long and the wording at the end that states, "I feel this is very important" Should be taken out. Joey Awonohopay seconded the motion and was not present to change the motion. No action was taken.

Motion was made by Marie Floring to approve the minutes dated March 9, 2010 with corrections. Second was by Sherri LaChapelle. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, and 2-absent (Awonohopay and Fowler).

4. Informational.

There were no informational items for discussion.

5. Presentation of Five Year Certification- Margaret Snow.

Chairman Wilber presented Margaret Snow with her five year certification. Tribal News reporter Christopher Anderson was present for pictures and comment. Margaret Snow commented that she is remembering her grandparents at this time.

6. Integration of Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Western Science for Fire Management – Chris Caldwell.

Chris Caldwell was present at the meeting to bring information on a few ideas that the Fire Management program is looking at. They talked about this in the past and before

they get involved in the project they would like to bring this to the Commission for discussion.

Chris presented a video to the Commission on a Board member of the Inter-tribal Timber Council regarding information on the use of fire and the effects that it causes on Tribal people. This national project is looking for advice from Tribes throughout the nation on tying western science with traditional knowledge.

He brought forward two proposals, the first being that the Tribe look at participating in the project and if they would be interested in hosting a nation symposium in support of the program. This would be a good opportunity to increase community education on the importance that fire can play in forest management. The second proposal that was discussed was to have a "Fire on the Land" project for Menominee as well.

Karen Washinawatok asked if this was presented to any other group. Chris stated the Commission was the first place they went with this information.

Davey Jean Reiter expressed her concern to have Dave Grignon involved in the project for prayer and ceremonial purposes when the burns take place.

Questions were asked if it would cost the Tribe anything to host the symposium and also on application deadlines. Chris stated that he will take the comments from the Commission back to Ron for clarification. When more information comes available he can come back to discuss it further.

7. Review of Menominee Language and Culture Code Commission Budget.

Chairman Wilber requested that this be put on the agenda to create a sinking fund. The MOA between the Menominee Language and Culture Commission and Mawaw Ceseneyah states that both parties shall put money into a sinking fund for the upkeep of the property.

Karen Washinawatok stated that she spoke with Jennifer Gauthier from Tribal Administration. She directed Karen to go to the Budget and Finance Committee and ask them to put the unspent dollars from the budget into a sinking fund at the end of the fiscal year. Karen stated there usually is money leftover from meeting payments, but this is the first year they have to pay bills for a building.

The next Budget and Finance meeting will be on May 4th. Chairman Wilber will look to see if he can attend the meeting.

Suggestion was made to have Mawaw Ceseneyah at the next meeting to discuss where they stand.

Motion was made by Marie Floring to meet with Mawaw Ceseneyah to discuss the sinking fund for the building maintenance. Second was by Sherri LaChapelle. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, and 2-absent (Awonohopay and Fowler).

8. Amendments to Ordinance # 96-22- Menominee Language and Culture Code: Discussion/Action.

Motion was made by Sherri LaChapelle to table Amendments to Ordinance 96-22 Language and Culture Code. Second was by Davey Jean Reiter. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, and 2-absent (Awonohopay and Fowler).

9. Director's Report.

Karen Washinawatok discussed her report with Commission. She informed the Commission that she attended a Language Symposium on March 1st and 2nd. Culligan water treatment was installed in the building; the water is now safe to drink. The Tribe received an \$11,000 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to hire an archivist for Tribal records. A meeting regarding this issue will be held on Friday. Dr. Macaulay will be back for the final revisions to the intermediate dictionary. The contractor was back out at the site to put in screens, mount the handrail, and add the threshold on the main entry door. A partnership with School District was funded for \$35,000 for language revitalization. The grant focuses on how the teachers test student K-12. This will be beneficial for the students when determining what level of language they should be in. Karen and Shannon Chapman traveled to Washington DC for the REESE meeting; they did a poster presentation on the Tribal School.

Chairman Wilber asked if any of the grant money goes into the Commission budget. Karen informed him that money goes to pay for the research assistants and part of the Director's salary.

10. Other Business.

There was no other business.

11. Executive Session: (A) Personnel- Discussion on Commission applications.

Motion was made by Sherri LaChapelle to go into Executive Session to discuss the Commission Applications. Second was by Marie Floring. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, and 2-absent (Awonohopay and Fowler).

*******EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS NOT
RECORDED*******

Motion was made by Margaret Snow to come out of Executive Session. Second was by Davey Jean Reiter. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, and 2-absent (Awonohopay and Fowler).

12. Recommendation to MTL on Commission Appointments.

A vote was taken by the Commission present. The top three vote getters were Elizabeth Arnold, Dennis Kenote, and Margaret LaRock Mott. The Commission held discussion on what type of applicants was needed to fit the criteria based on Ordinance 99-22 Language and Culture Code. The code stated that 5 members are to be elders and the remaining 4 shall be certified Menominee Language teachers. Currently the Commission only has 3 certified Language teachers, so one position shall be for a certified language teachers. From the vote that was done Elizabeth Arnold would be a 4th certified Language teacher.

The Commission held one more vote between Dennis Kenote and Margaret LaRock Motte to add another elder to the Commission. The top vote getter was Margaret LaRock Mott.

Motion was made by Davey Jean Reiter to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature to appoint Margaret LaRock Mott and Elizabeth Arnold to the Menominee Language and Culture Code Commission. Second was by Marie Floring. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, and 2-absent (Awonohopay and Fowler).

13. Adjournment.

Motion made by Margaret Snow to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Sherri LaChapelle. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, and 2-absent (Awonohopay and Fowler).

Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Natasha Miller, Transcriber/Recorder
Recording Clerk – Receptionist, Chairman's Office